



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 5

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 6, Section 2, of the Indiana Constitution.

Synopsis: Length of terms of county officials. Amends the Constitution of the State of Indiana to increase the term of office of local constitutional officers from four years to six years and to provide that a person may not hold any of the local constitutional offices more than 12 years in any 18 year period. This proposed amendment has not been previously agreed to by a general assembly.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 6, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 6,
Section 8 of the Indiana Constitution concerning local government.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Fourteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred
- 4 to the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 6, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION
- 6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 7 FOLLOWS: Section 2. (a) There shall be elected, in each county by the
- 8 voters thereof, at the time of holding general elections, a Clerk of the
- 9 Circuit Court, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, Coroner, and
- 10 Surveyor, who shall, severally, hold their offices for ~~four~~ **six** years.
- 11 (b) The General Assembly may provide by law for uniform dates for
- 12 beginning the terms of the county officials listed in subsection (a). If
- 13 the General Assembly enacts a law to provide a uniform date for



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1 beginning the terms of a county official listed in subsection (a), the
2 General Assembly may provide that the term of each county official
3 initially elected after enactment of the law to provide the uniform date
4 for beginning the terms of the county official is for less than four years
5 in order to establish a uniform schedule of dates for the beginning of
6 terms for the office. However, after the initial election for each office,
7 the term for that office shall be for four years.

8 (c) ~~No~~ A person ~~shall be eligible to~~ **may not hold** the office of
9 Clerk, Auditor, Recorder, Treasurer, Sheriff, or Coroner more than
10 ~~eight~~ **twelve** years in any period of ~~twelve~~ **eighteen** years.

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